

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 2-8, 10-16 and 19 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) An information management server to be connected to the student terminal for distributing lecture course contents to a student terminal according to claim 1, containing comprising:

an accumulator section to accumulate electronic data on said lecture contents;

a holding section to hold lecture-related information relating to the lecture contents;

a send section to send said lecture contents and said lecture-related information to said student terminal;

an analyzer section to analyze electronic data on said lecture contents;

a matcher section to link said lecture-related information with said lecture contents based on said analysis results;

a control section for selecting lecture contents linked to said lecture related information based on a reply to said lecture-related contents sent from said student terminal; and

an analyzer for extracting text information and/or drawing information from video information contained in said lecture contents, and for extracting text information from audio information contained in said lecture contents,

wherein said matching section links said video information with said lecture-related information based on results from comparing said lecture-related information with said extracted text information and/or drawing information, and

wherein said send section sends said selected lecture contents to the student terminal that sent the reply to said lecture-related information.

3. (Currently Amended) An information management server according to claim 2, wherein said matcher section extracts words from said text information, and selects said video information corresponding to word locations where specified words frequently appear in said text information.

4. (Currently Amended) An information management server according to claim 2, wherein said analyzer adds time information relating to lecture contents comprising the source of said text information and/or said drawing information to the extracted text information and/or drawing information; and

said matcher section extracts words from said text information, extracts time information on word locations where specified words frequently appear in said text information, and selects said video information corresponding to said time information.

5. (Currently Amended) An information management server according to claim [[1]]2, wherein said send section sends practice problems relating to said lecture contents as said lecture-related information, and

said control section selects lecture contents linked with said practice problems based on true-false judgment results of replies to said practice problems sent from said student terminal.

6. (Currently Amended) An information management server according to claim [[1]]2, wherein said control section edits the video information contained in said selected lecture contents, and creates supplemental learning contents to send to said student terminal.

7. (Currently Amended) An information management server according to claim [[1]]2, further comprising[[;]] a grouping section for sorting students into groups based on replies to said lecture-related information.

8. (Currently Amended) An information management server according to claim 7, wherein said grouping section extracts reply locations matching the replies to said lecture-related information, and sorts said students into groups based on the inclusive relation of said matching reply locations.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system ~~according to claim 9,~~ comprising an information management server to distribute lecture contents to the student terminal, an instructor terminal, a network capable of connecting said information management server for communicating with said instructor terminal, and a student terminal

capable of connecting for communication with said information management server and said instructor terminal,

wherein said information management server comprising:

an accumulator section to accumulate electronic data on said lecture contents;

a holding section to hold lecture-related information relating to the lecture contents;

a send section to send said lecture contents and said lecture-related information to said student terminal;

an analyzer section to analyze electronic data on said lecture contents;

a matcher section to link said lecture-related information with said lecture contents based on said analysis results;

a control section for selecting lecture contents linked to said lecture related information based on a reply to said lecture-related material sent from said student terminal;
and

an analyzer for extracting text information and/or drawing information from video information contained in said lecture contents, and extracting text information from audio information contained in said lecture contents,

wherein said matching section links said video information with said lecture-related information based on results from comparing said lecture-related information with said extracted text information and/or drawing information, and

wherein said send section sends said selected lecture contents to the student terminal that sent the reply to said lecture-related material.

11. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system according to claim 10, wherein said matcher section extracts words from said text information, and selects said video information corresponding to word locations where specified words frequently appear in said text information.

12. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system according to claim 10, wherein said analyzer adds time information relating to lecture contents comprising the source of said text information and/or said drawing information, to the extracted text information and/or drawing information; and

said matcher section extracts words from said text information, extracts time information on word locations where specified words frequently appear in said text

information, and selects said video information corresponding to said time information.

13. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system according to claim [[9]] 10, wherein said send section sends practice problems relating to said lecture contents as said lecture-related information, and said control section selects lecture contents linked with said practice problems based on true-false judgment results of replies to said practice problems sent from said student terminal.

14. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system according to claim [[9]] 10, wherein said control section edits the video information contained in said selected lecture contents, and creates supplemental learning contents to send to said student terminal.

15. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system according to claim [[9]] 10, with said information management server comprising a grouping section for sorting students into groups based on replies to said lecture-related information.

16. (Currently Amended) An information distribution system according to claim 15, wherein said grouping section extracts reply locations matching the replies to said lecture-related information, and sorts said students into groups based on the inclusive relation of said matching reply locations.

17. (Original) An information distribution system according to claim 15, wherein said instructor terminal displays said grouping of said sorted students.

18. (Original) An information distribution system according to claim 15, wherein said instructor terminal controls communication to students sorted into the same groups according to the particular group.

19. (Currently Amended) A software program embedded in a computer readable medium, comprising for implementing:

a ~~function to display~~ module of displaying in individual groups[[, the]] of students sorted into the groups ~~based on sharing identical wrong replies to lecture-related information for said~~ lecture contents sent from [[said]] student terminals; [[and]]

~~a function to display~~ module of displaying information ~~that can~~ to be specified by one ~~of the students,~~ and the learning progress status of ~~[[the]]~~ said one student and ~~[[said]]~~ a respective student terminal display screen; and

a module of facilitating communication between ~~[[on]]~~ an instructor terminal connected ~~to allow communication~~ over a network to an information management server for selectively distributing supplemental lecture contents from the instructor terminal to the students per group ~~a student terminal, and to an instructor terminal connected to allow communication with said student terminal.~~